

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS

Call to Order: Chair Dave Lewis, on March 3, 2011 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chairman (R)
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)
Sen. John Brenden (R)
Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Jim Keane (D)
Sen. Alan Olson (R)
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)
Sen. Edward Walker (R)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

Members Excused:

Sen. Mary Caferro (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Jason Priest (R)
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 79, 3/22/2011; HB 49, 3/22/2011; HB 93, 3/22/2011

Executive Action: HB 38; HB 42

HEARING ON HB 79

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:20 Rep. Lila Walter Evans (R), HD 16, opened the hearing on HB 79, Authorize spending authority for Blackfeet mitigation account interest payments.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:52 Bill Schultz, Reserve Water Right Compact Commission (RWRCC)
00:06:07 John Bloomquist, Phillips County
00:07:35 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association (MWRA)
00:08:02 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:23 Sen. Hamlett
00:09:47 Mr. Schultz, RWRCC
00:10:22 Sen. Hamlett
00:10:35 Mr. Schultz
00:11:30 Sen. Zinke
00:11:56 Mr. Schultz
00:12:59 Sen. Zinke
00:13:08 Mr. Schultz
00:13:45 Chairman Lewis

Closing by Sponsor:

00:14:36 Rep. Evans

HEARING ON HB 49

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:15:26 Rep. Betsy Hands (D), HD 99, opened the hearing on HB 49, Authorize the sale of bonds to fund Blackfeet water compact.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:17:55 John Bloomquist, Phillips County
00:23:11 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)
00:25:13 Bill Schultz, Reserve Water Right Compact Commission, RWRCC) and for Larry Mires, St. Mary Rehabilitation Working Group

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00:27:53 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resources Association
 00:28:45 Rep. Lila Walter Evans, HD 16
 00:29:01 Joe Estenson, representing himself

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:29:42 Sen. Hawks
 00:30:25 Mr. Schultz
 00:31:09 Director Sexton, DNRC
 00:32:11 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:32:34 Director Sexton
 00:33:06 Mr. Schultz
 00:34:38 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:35:00 Mr. Schultz
 00:35:32 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:35:50 Mr. Schultz
 00:36:32 Sen. Wanzenried
 00:36:49 Chairman Lewis
 00:37:46 Sen. Keane
 00:38:14 Director Sexton
 00:39:00 Sen. Keane
 00:39:15 Director Sexton
 00:39:40 Chairman Lewis
 00:40:22 Sen. Shannon Augare, SD 8 and Blackfeet Tribal Business Council
 00:42:10 Sen. Hamlett
 00:42:39 Rep. Hands
 00:43:33 Mr. Schultz
 00:44:52 Sen. Hamlett
 00:45:12 Mr. Schultz
 00:45:50 Sen. Hamlett
 00:45:59 Chairman Lewis
 00:46:03 Mr. Schultz
 00:46:11 Sen. Hamlett
 00:46:48 Director Sexton
 00:47:00 Sen. Hamlett
 00:47:17 Director Sexton
 00:47:47 Chairman Lewis
 00:48:29 Director Sexton

Closing by Sponsor:

00:48:50 Rep. Hands

HEARING ON HB 93

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:50:45 Rep. Timothy Furey (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 93, Revise laws related to slash hazard reduction.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:52:45 Mary Sexton, Director, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)
00:54:29 Patrick Heffernan, Montana Wood Products Association and for Jason Todhunter, Montana Logging Association

Opponents' Testimony:

None

Informational Testimony:

None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

None

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:09 Rep. Furey
00:58:02 Chairman Lewis

Sen. Brown, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Priest and Sen. Walker not present

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 38

00:59:10 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Olson moved that **HB 42 BE CONCURRED IN**. Motion carried 13-2 by voice vote with Sen. Barrett and Sen. Brenden voting no. Sen. Zinke will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 42

01:01:18 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 42 BE CONCURRED IN.**

01:01:35 **Motion:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 42 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(fcs48a02)

Discussion:

01:02:24 Sen. Hawks
01:02:57 Sen. Keane
01:03:39 Sen. Hawks
01:04:02 Sen. Keane
01:04:15 Sen. Olson moved to segregate #5
01:04:35 Chairman Lewis
01:04:54 Sen. Olson
01:05:17 Chairman Lewis
01:05:26 Sen. Jones
01:05:46 Sen. Zinke
01:06:17 Chairman Lewis
01:06:28 Sen. Ripley
01:06:36 Taryn Purdy, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
01:06:48 Sen. Brendan
01:07:24 Sen. Olson withdrew his motion
01:07:39 Sen. Barrett
01:07:58 Ms. Purdy
01:08:15 Sen. Gallus
01:08:41 Chairman Lewis

01:08:53 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote of those present and voting.

01:09:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Keane moved that **SB 42 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.** Motion carried by voice vote of those present and voting.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:11

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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